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LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF ETDC
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to take over the Electronics Test and Development Centre (E.T.D.C.), Kanpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove the difficulties being faced by the electronics industries in the Northern States due to closure of the E.T.D.C.?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): It has been decided to take over Electronics Test and Development Centre (ETDC), Kanpur, as the Centre in its present form is not able to provide effective services to the Electronics & IT Industries in the region due to lack of adequate expertise and facilities. The present status is that the matter has been taken up with the Government of Uttar Pradesh for concurring to transfer the operation of the Centre from UPTRON to STQC Directorate, Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communication & Information Technology and formal concurrence for this from the State Government is awaited.

(c): There is no proposal to close down ETDC at Kanpur. On the contrary, it is proposed to revive the Centre and equip it with necessary facilities and expertise to provide required services to Electronics and IT Industries in the region.